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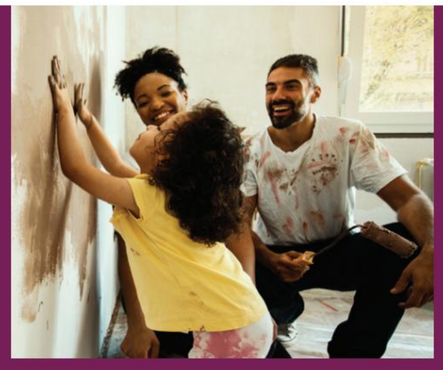

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Area boy in National Spelling Bee

BY STAN MADDUX

It was a send-off from his classmates to remember for a La Porte student, who competed last week in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.

Nolan Roule, an eighth grader at St. John's Lutheran School, was seated beside his father, Mark, and mother, Sydney, during the first part of the celebration in the school gymnasium Friday, May 24.

Speakers during the pep rally-like event included Mayor Tom Dermody and Joe Martinsen, the last student from the school to quality for the spelling bee in 1988.

Martinsen, a former classmate of Nolan's father at the K-8 school and later at La Porte High School, advised Roule to enjoy the experience and to not put pressure on himself during the competition.

"It's really great to see that he's going. I'm excited for him," said Martinsen, who now resides in Carmel, Indiana.

Mr. Roule credited his son's love of reading for his spelling ability because of words entering his memory banks from every page.

"He's reading all of the time so a lot of the words some of the other kids might not have known, Nolan was familiar with. He's a bright kid," he said.

Sally Foglesong said Nolan was in her first-grade class at the school and was good at spelling then.

"He's a great student. I'm sure he'll go far," she said.

An attorney, Mr. Roule followed in the footsteps of his father, Art Roule, Jr., who was once the legal counsel for the City of La Porte.

Nolan qualified for the national spelling bee from winning a regional spelling competition in Knox after coming out on top in spelling championships at his school and later against other students countywide.

Waving at his classmates, he often shouted "thank you" to them before having a seat in the vehicle he and his family drove to the nation's capital.

The family was escorted from the school parking lot by a fire truck and police car.

Martinsen said he made it to the fourth round, where he misspelled the word "rappee," a coarse, pungent snuff made from dark tobacco.

"I had a blast," he said.

The national spelling bee was held Wednesday and Thursday.

Where Roule placed was not known before press time.

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— Dino N. Fatouros

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Farmer's daughter a champion in classroom and horse arena

BY STAN MADDUX

Anna Minich has spent her entire childhood on a dairy farm but she rode her love for horses to a college scholarship.

The valedictorian of the Class of 2024 at South Central High School is taking her talent for showing horses to a Division 1 college equestrian team.

Minich said she likes cows but gravitated more toward the horses her mother, Kim, always seemed to keep on the family farm.

"I've always loved cows and still show them at 4-H but the horses are definitely my passion for sure," she said.

Minich, who's been president of her Future Farmers of America (FFA) branch at school for the past two years, showed a horse competitively the first time in the fourth grade at the La Porte County Fair as a member of 4-H.

After beginning to take lessons that were focused more on showing horses in 2020, she and her horse, Kiwi, went on to earn multiple bronze championships in regional competitions hosted by the American Quarter Horse Association.

She purchased her quarter horse Kiwi with help from her parents the following year.

Minich accepted a scholarship offer this year to join the equestrian team at South Dakota State University, where she plans on majoring in animal science.

After earning a four year degree, Minich said she hopes to continue her studies to become an equine veterinarian.

Her father, Luke, believes there's no stopping his daughter from whatever else she wants to accomplish in the future.

"She's pretty impressive with the number of things she takes on and the way that she does them," he said.

Minich said valedictorian was a goal she set for herself a long time ago to gain an edge in being accepted at a major university and to experience what she imagined would be a special feeling from placing at the top of her class.

"I'm very honored to represent my school that way. I worked hard for a long time for that," she said.

Her short reign, so far, has not been disappointing.

Minich said it's been even more special because her close friend, Olivia Rocke, is salutatorian of the class and they'll be representing the school together in activities, such as senior awards night and the graduation ceremony.

She said taking care of the four horses at home is her main responsibility before and after school. Her younger siblings, William and Calvin, help mostly with milking and feeding the cows.

"My little brothers are definitely more into that than I am. I'm a farm girl. I just have my specialties, we'll say," she said.

Her parents own Triple M Dairy, which has about 800 dairy cows.

Minich said she looks back at her many accomplishments as a youth with pride and is excited about the future, but her voice cracked with emotion about the curtains closing on this chapter of her life

The sun is also setting on her 10th and final year in the 4-H program.

Currently, she's training another horse to show in her final La Porte County Fair, which will begin July 6.

The Minichs have five younger children, including, Kate, a freshman with a chance of becoming valedictorian of her class.

In a way, Mr. Minich joked that he feels kind of sorry for the pressure his other children might feel in later years from being compared to their older sister at school and elsewhere out in the community.

"She sets a pretty high bar," he said.

When a sinister person means to be your enemy, they always start by trying to become your friend.
— William Blake

RIBBON TO BE CLIPPED AT TAPA TACO OPENING

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the highly anticipated Tapa Taco, an eatery within the historic Gordon Beach Inn that will showcase elevated tacos and South American small plates, will be held by the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 5.

The public is invited to take part in the celebration and then stay to order an evening meal or a small plate with a drink from the bar.

Tapa Taco is the newest venture to join the pair of local businesses, Gordon Beach Inn and Lakeside Inn managed by Sam Darrigrand, the innkeeper.

"It was a natural choice to expand our guest experiences and brand to include a dining spot with great vibes and food to share," Darrigrand said.

Tapa Taco will be open year-round at 16220 Lakeshore Road in Union Pier, within Gordon Beach Inn.

For more information, call 269-934-9700 or visit their Facebook page. — STAFF REPORTS

Search for bobcat that escaped from zoo

BY STAN MADDUX

The search was still ongoing Thursday, May 30, for a 9-month-old bobcat that escaped from the Washington Park Zoo.

Zoo Director Jamie Huss said anyone who spots the bobcat named "Grace" should not attempt to capture her.

Instead, she urged people to immediately report any sightings to the Michigan City Police Department's non-emergency phone number at 219-874-3221.

Huss also said the baby bobcat poses little or no threat to humans.

"Grace is roughly the size of a large housecat," she said.

Huss said live traps have been set to try and capture the bobcat.

She said trail cameras have also been placed in hopes of obtaining sightings of the animal to help narrow down her location.

Grace and her sister, Hazel, arrived at the zoo on Michigan City's lakefront in December and have been housed in a habitat designed for their species since April.

Huss said zoo staff realized Wednesday morning that Hazel was alone in the enclosure and immediately moved her to another building for safe keeping.

Where Grace escaped the zoo grounds had not been determined.

"Bobcats are quiet, secretive and active from dusk to night. As with all wildlife, the natural response of a bobcat is to move away from humans," she said.

In addition to police, Huss said Michigan City Animal Control and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources were made aware of the situation and ready to assist.

Carrie Campbell, owner of Hatfield Wildlife Control in La Porte, said she believes the bobcat was still close to the zoo 24 hours later because of the hilly tree covered terrain being an excellent habitat for such an animal.

She said traps and sightings will be vital to recovering the bobcat.

Campbell said there are also a lot of homes nestled in the dunes around the zoo and those residents with home surveillance systems could especially play an important role.

"If everybody in that area can keep their cameras charged and ready to find that animal if it's around structures and neighborhoods that is going to be a key thing to find that juvenile bobcat," she said.

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Gems of the Lake Michigan Riviera

CULINARY SCENE

BY ALEXANDER FATOUROS

Picture yourself strolling along the scenic wonders of the Lake Michigan Riviera, a stretch of coastline where artists have flocked for generations, seeking inspiration in the sun-drenched landscapes. Imagine discovering world-class destinations that embrace the natural beauty and authentic character of Southwest Michigan. As your local foodie curator, I'm here to share insider experiences that go beyond the ordinary.

Ready to savor outstanding fare, score a rooftop table with a view, and indulge in delightful surprises at every turn? We're embarking on a culinary adventure into five spots waiting to tantalize your taste buds and ignite your sense of wonder. Let's go!

Grab your crew, dress to impress (think upscale-meets-chill), and prepare to be dazzled. Susan's in Sawyer, Michigan is calling your name. Nestled in a historic theatre from 1923, Susan's serves up a taste of Chicago cool with a side of small-town charm.

Susan's boasts exceptional caramelized cauliflower and roasted Japanese sweet potato, but that's merely the opening act. This restaurant is all about creating an experience. Every detail, from the twinkling lights to the curated playlists, is designed to whisk you away and make you feel relaxed and right at home. Fresh, seasonal flavors dance on your palate in elevated yet approachable dishes, courtesy of Chef Mike's culinary compass.

New Buffalo's Bentwood Tavern at The Marina Grand offers a chic setting for harborside dining. Step inside this scenic wonder and feel like you've set sail on a luxurious ocean liner. This intimate and contemporary spot exudes Art Deco charm. Plush settees and stunning water views set the scene for an unforgettable meal.

From the moment you arrive, you're greeted by comfort and hospitality. Dig into Bentwood's signature Deviled Eggs—a playful twist on the classic, bursting with dill, marash pepper flakes, and caviar. The Raw Market Salad bursts with freshness, featuring local beet, apple, fennel, and other vibrant ingredients. Don't miss the hearty Brothy Beans & Greens made up of kale, swiss chard and crisp warm Sourdough Bread—its cotton-candy texture is a revelation.

Feeling invigorated after a day of exhilarating water sports? Celebrate your adventure with festive beachside bites and a legendary margarita upstairs at Stray Dog Bar & Grill, a New Buffalo, Michigan gem. This restaurant serves up a distinctly Lake Michigan experience with new American eats like Nachos Verde, a fiesta of roasted poblano peppers, corn-black bean pico, and tangy salsa. For an extra kick, add on their delicious, old-world flavored Chicken Tinga. Take your time, savor the lively rooftop scene, and soak in the panoramic views of the harbor, stately homes, beach, and luxury yachts cruising by.

New Buffalo and Sawyer boast stellar coffee shops, but if you're up for a road trip consider Grand Rapids' MadCap Coffee: a tea connoisseur's playground. Soaring ceilings adorned with local art welcome you to a world where world-class coffee and unique Japanese teas mingle. Their meticulous sourcing and roasting process ensures every cup is a masterpiece. Buzzing with creative energy, this café is the perfect spot to fuel your artistic side or simply soak up the cool vibes.

Forget fancy breakfasts and fuel your Southwest Michigan adventures at Froehlich's Bakery, Three Oaks' sweetest spot. The aroma of fresh-baked bread and house-roasted coffee is enough to jumpstart your day. They've been serving up deliciousness for over 30 years, using fresh, local ingredients. They've got everything from savory breads to house-made jams, perfect for picnics by the lake or a sweet afternoon treat.

Froehlich's sits in the heart of Three Oaks' vibrant art and theatre scene at 26 North Elm Street. Grab a pastry, especially the must-try rosemary flatbread, then explore nearby galleries and soak up the creative energy. It's a taste and art adventure all rolled into one.

Soak in the panoramic views of the harbor and luxury yachts cruising by at Stray Dog in New Buffalo, Michigan

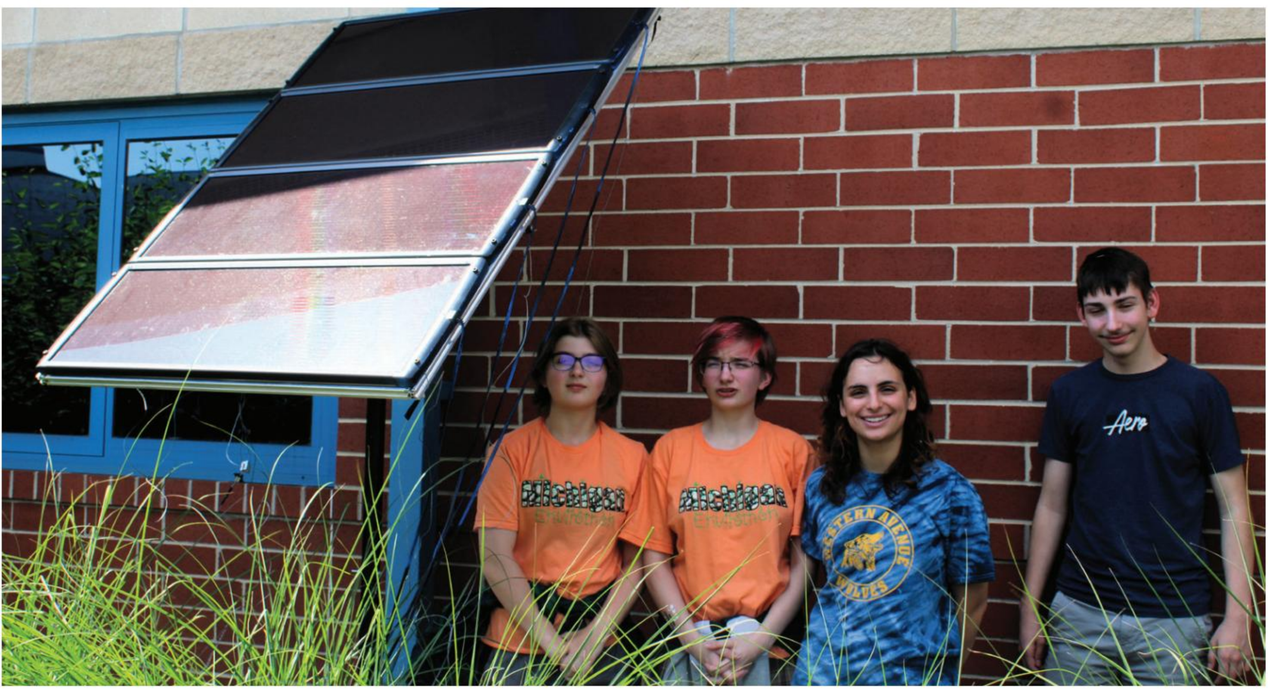
Bentwood Tavern at The Marina Grand

Susan's in Sawyer, Michigan

Froehlich's Bakery sits in the heart of Three Oaks' vibrant art and theatre scene

Water views set the scene at Bentwood Tavern at The Marina Grand

Cora and Izzy Moser, Giada Pawlowski and Aaron Joseph by the solar array for the charging station



Students pose in the retention pond area in front of the beehive

SCHOLASTICS

New Buffalo Envirothon teams place fifth at state

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The New Buffalo High School Envirothon teams placed fifth overall in the state Envirothon competition, which was held May 8-10 at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

All three Envirothon teams qualified for the competition at the regional competition, which was held at Kalamazoo Nature Center last month. The club team, New Buffalo Winners, took third place and the first class team, Team New Buffalo Buzz, took fourth place. The second class team, Team Scuba Squad, also performed well.

The New Buffalo Winners presented their solar charging station, which was their community outreach project, for charging computers and cell phones in the courtyard this spring.

"We can charge our laptops or have better Wi-Fi out there so we can do assignments outside and learn outside instead of being inside all day when it's warm out," team member Laura Wamser said.

The team also found a way for the Buzz team to make the Wi-Fi signal better, enabling a camera to be placed in the beehive that they constructed by the retention pond as part of their community outreach project.

Inspired by the solar charging stations on the Western Michigan University campus, the team has been engineering different models of the station for the past several months.

Science and smart lab teacher Richard Eberly said that the latest one features a 2-inch steel pipe that's been sunk into 2 feet of concrete, with cross beams underneath the concrete as well as chicken wire.

"And then we have 3 feet of aluminum inside the steel and it's holding up pretty well," he said, adding that the station can rotate a little "so essentially, it can take some of the stress and movement."

The team also finished the charging box, which allows them to monitor how much energy is being consumed "by how many things are plugging into the system at the same time."

Team member Cameron Forker said that Team Buzz received a grant to have honey bees in the retention pond.

"Mr. Eberly has made bee boxes before so he brought in old bee boxes - we were able to take measurements and build from scratch from the pieces that we were using for the performing arts and leftover scraps from plays and so we reused that to make bee boxes," he said.

Students have also planted an orchard of fruit trees, which have been raised from seed, and walnut trees in the retention pond area.

For the second year, the students' environmental initiatives played a role in New Buffalo Middle/High School being named a Michigan Green School, which is given to public and private schools for their environmental efforts and ecological practices.

The cast of Willy Wonka (picture courtesy of Facebook)

Lake Michigan College announces winners of WAVE Awards celebrating high school musical theatre

Deb Rancatore was named the "Outstanding Costume Design in a Musical" winner for New Buffalo High School's spring production of "Willy Wonka" and the entire production received the Esprit de Corps Award, which recognizes the spirit of support and unity a school demonstrates in its shows, during the third annual WAVE Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theatre held at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center Jenkins Theatre.

Nominated for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical were Ellen Ripley for her portrayal of Veruca Salt and Henry Gadiel for his portrayal of Charlie Bucket. Riley Castle-Brow, who portrayed Mrs. Bucket, and Aaron Illescas-Villa, Samantha Newton, Caleb Nofs, and Kaitlyn Rainwater, who portrayed the grandparents, were nominated for Outstanding Featured Ensemble in a Musical and director Chris Beushausen was nominated for Outstanding Direction in a Musical.

Presented by LMC's Visual & Performing Arts Department and loosely designed after Broadway's Tony Awards, the WAVE Awards recognize high school theater students and arts educators from Berrien, Van Buren, and Cass counties in Michigan and St. Joseph County in Indiana. Seven adjudicators evaluated 10 high schools and about 630 students who participated in high school musical productions in the 2023-2024 academic year. Individuals and productions from participating schools were nominated in 13 acting and technical categories.

"Each year, this event keeps getting bigger, and the stakes for the talent keep getting higher," said Kristopher Zook, LMC dean of Arts & Sciences and founder of the WAVE Awards. "The LMC Visual & Performing Arts team is thrilled to be able to support our arts community and help to foster the next generation of performers and creative thinkers."

Concord High School's "Fiddler on the Roof" and Penn High School's "The Music Man" were the big winners Wednesday night, each taking home three awards,

Concord High School's "Fiddler on the Roof" was crowned Outstanding Musical Production, adding Outstanding Orchestra in a Musical for Nicole Knouse and Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical for Ed Hernandez's portrayal of Perchick.

"The Music Man" received awards for Outstanding Direction in a Musical for Danielle Black, Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical for Lucas Robertson's portrayal of Harold Hill, and Outstanding Choreography in a Musical for Jenn Wolfe.

Lakeshore and Edwardsburg each took home two awards. Lakeshore's "Newsies!" won Outstanding Featured Ensemble in a Musical and Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical for Vivian Rose. Edwardsburg's "Beauty and the Beast" won Outstanding Musical Direction in a Musical for Kyle Rehnlund and the other Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical award for Tianna Crook's portrayal of Belle.

In addition to New Buffalo, St. Joseph's "Oklahoma," Bridgman's "Seussical Jr." and Hartford's "Mamma Mia!" all took home one award in the nominated categories.

Wednesday's event began with red-carpet arrivals, followed by the awards ceremony, which featured several musical production numbers, including "Carrying the Banner" from Lakeshore's "Newsies!"; "Lost" from

LMC's production of "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical"; "Notice Me Horton" from Bridgman's "Seussical, Jr." and "Sabbath Prayer" from Concord's "Fiddler on the Roof."

Presenters included South Bend Civic Theatre Executive Director Aaron Nichols, LMC President Dr. Trevor A. Kubatzke, LMC Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Linwood B. Whitten, LMC Director of Music and Visual & Performing Arts Chair Dr. Robert Lunn, Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Jessica Ishmael, Andrews University Director of Choral Studies Stephen Zork, Indiana University South Bend Director of Choirs and Grammy Award winner Juan Carlos Alarcon, Acorn Theater Artistic and Creative Director Nikki Gauthier, Acorn Theater Senior Production Manager Michael Bond, Co-Founder and Executive Director, DEI and Development of the Performing Arts Workshop August Garritano and Twin City Players Board President Peggy Harrington.

Several awards were announced by pre-recorded videos from theater celebrities, including Jay Baeri, the Olympic lighting designer; Marcy DeGonge-Manfredi, from the original Broadway cast of "Cats;" two-time Tony Award-nominated actor Kevin Chamberlin; Broadway star Liana Hunt and Abby Mueller from "Six the Musical."

All nominees received an LMC Red Hawk Scholarship for a three-credit course taken within the next four academic years and written feedback from a panel of arts professionals. The lead actor recipients received $1,000 WAVE Award scholarships to participate in LMC Visual and Performing Arts coursework. During the awards ceremony, this scholarship was renamed posthumously as the Sierra Loughrin Scholarship after its first recipient, who attended both Paw Paw High School and Lake Michigan College.

Here is the complete list of the 2023-2024 WAVE Award winners:

- Outstanding Set Design in a Musical: St. Joseph High School; "Oklahoma!"; Marcus Roll & Ed Brunner
- Outstanding Lighting Design in a Musical: Hartford High School; "Mamma Mia!"; Hailey Cunningham
- Outstanding Choreography in a Musical: Penn High School; "The Music Man"; Jenn Wolfe
- Outstanding Orchestra (Band) in a Musical: Concord High School; "Fiddler on the Roof"; Nicole Knouse
- Outstanding Musical Direction in a Musical: Edwardsburg High School; "Beauty & the Beast"; Kyle Rehnlund
- Outstanding Featured Ensemble in a Musical: Bridgman High School; "Seussical, Jr."; Mayzie La Bird & Her Bird Girls
  Lakeshore High School; "Newsies!" Newsies of New York
- Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical: Lakeshore High School; "Newsies!"; Les; Vivian Rose
- Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical: Concord High School; "Fiddler on the Roof"; Perchick; Ed Hernandez
  Paw Paw High School; "The Lightning Thief"; Mr. Brunner/ Chiron; Noah McCrossin
- Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical: Edwardsburg High School; "Beauty & the Beast"; Belle; Tianna Crook
  Penn High School; "The Music Man"; Harold Hill; Lucas Robertson
- Outstanding Direction in a Musical: Penn High School; "The Music Man"; Danielle Black
- Outstanding Musical Production: Concord High School; "Fiddler on the Roof" — STAFF REPORTS

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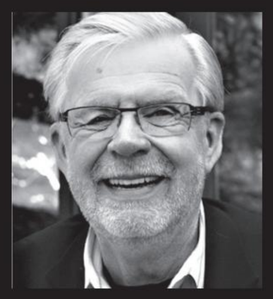
From the Bleachers



COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

Like many other sports fans, my attention has been focused almost exclusively on baseball and football.

While those two sports dominated the media around here, basketball and hockey have not received their fair share of attention, probably because the local teams haven't been as good as people hoped. For different reasons, the Bulls and Blackhawks have been struggling, but with their seasons ending it's time to look to the future.

Let's start with the Bulls. A few years ago, their future was bright but a terrible knee injury to point guard Lonzo Ball threw a big wrench into the last few seasons. Ball's injury and the failure to figure out a way for Zach LaVine and DeMar DeRozan to play together, have resulted in a team that has underperformed and this offseason is the perfect time to shake things up.

Coby White, Alex Caruso, and Ayo Dusunmu, can be a really good backcourt and DeRozan is still a great scorer, but except for White, they and the rest of the veterans could be gone by next season. The most important move will be to trade LaVine so they can be out from under his massive contract. Replacing the underperforming front court (Vucevic and Patrick Williams in particular) would also help.

I'm not even sure if coach Billy Donovan should be retained. Anyway, a lot of changes should be made and the Bulls must decide to rebuild with youngsters or attempt to compete now. An exciting summer is probable.

The Blackhawks are in a different place than the Bulls. Last year, they drafted Connor Bedard and he lived up to the hype, but the Blackhawks still struggled.This year the team has the 2nd, 18th, and 50th pick in the draft. There has been some talk about a reunion with former Blackhawk Patrick Kane, the continued improvement and maturity of their recently drafted youngsters.

If the Blackhawks aren't ready to contend for the Stanley Cup next season, at least they will be much improved, and a run at Lord Stanley's Cup is on the horizon. Connor Bedard is going to be a superstar and the Blackhawks will be returning to glory.

In the meantime, this year's big basketball story revolves around Indiana Fever's Caitlin Clark.

She is bringing much needed attention to the WNBA. Clark is a great player and her success is a result of her skills and hard work. The fact that some uninformed people are trying to belittle her success and claim it is due to her being straight, white, and pretty is hard to understand.

These are complicated times we are living in and the ability to be heard and influence others is a double edged sword. Hopefully someday soon, people will think before they decide to ridicule or share incorrect information.

Jeremy Irons said, "We all have our time machines. Some take us back; they're called memories. Some take us forward; they're called dreams."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

Bison hoping to make a run in sectionals

BY STAN MADDUX

The New Buffalo High School baseball team is preparing for success in the Division 4 sectional tournament at Eaton Park near Stevensville.

The Bison during practice Tuesday, May 28, sharpened up on things like bunting and covering bunts on defense along with hitting to try and give them an edge in the post season.

The late season emphasis on basic fundamentals was also an attempt to return the team to its winning ways.

New Buffalo started the season 3-0 then went to 7-4 but their record stood at 12-13 after losing a doubleheader to Allegan Friday, May 24.

Head Coach Adam Lijewski said he was disappointed especially with the offense, which mustered just two runs in each game.

"We scored in the first inning and then kind of just went flat. Hopefully, we got that out of our system," he said.

In the first game, Allegan defeated the Bison 5-2.

Braden Huffer pitched a complete game for New Buffalo and struck out five batters.

Ethan Lijewski had two hits, including a triple, and drove in one of the runs.

In the second game, the Bison lost 9-2.

Nick Messinger scored a run and had a hit in each of his two at-bats.

Sam Wendell-Suppa scored a run and joined Vaughn Nikkel in getting the other two hits for the Bison.

Lijewski, the starting pitcher, was taken out in the third inning after giving up three runs and walking five batters.

Jaydon Berger went the rest of way from the mound, allowing just one earned run and three hits along with five walks.

The Bison, River Valley, Our Lady of the Lake and Michigan Lutheran seem most capable of winning the sectional crown.

Each of the fairly evenly matched teams won games against each other during the regular season.

New Buffalo is scheduled to play Saturday, June 1, at 10 a.m. against the winner of the Michigan Lutheran/Eau Claire game.

A win would mean the Bison playing for the title at 2 p.m. against the winner between River Valley and Our Lady of the Lake.

Lijewski said his players also need to work on their confidence level especially when trailing early in games and quit being too selective with their swings at the plate to improve their post season chances.

He said the defense is solid enough for the team to win the tournament if batters hit the ball like they have at times during the season and pitchers are more consistent on throwing strikes.

"It'll be good games, I'm telling you as long as we show up," he said.

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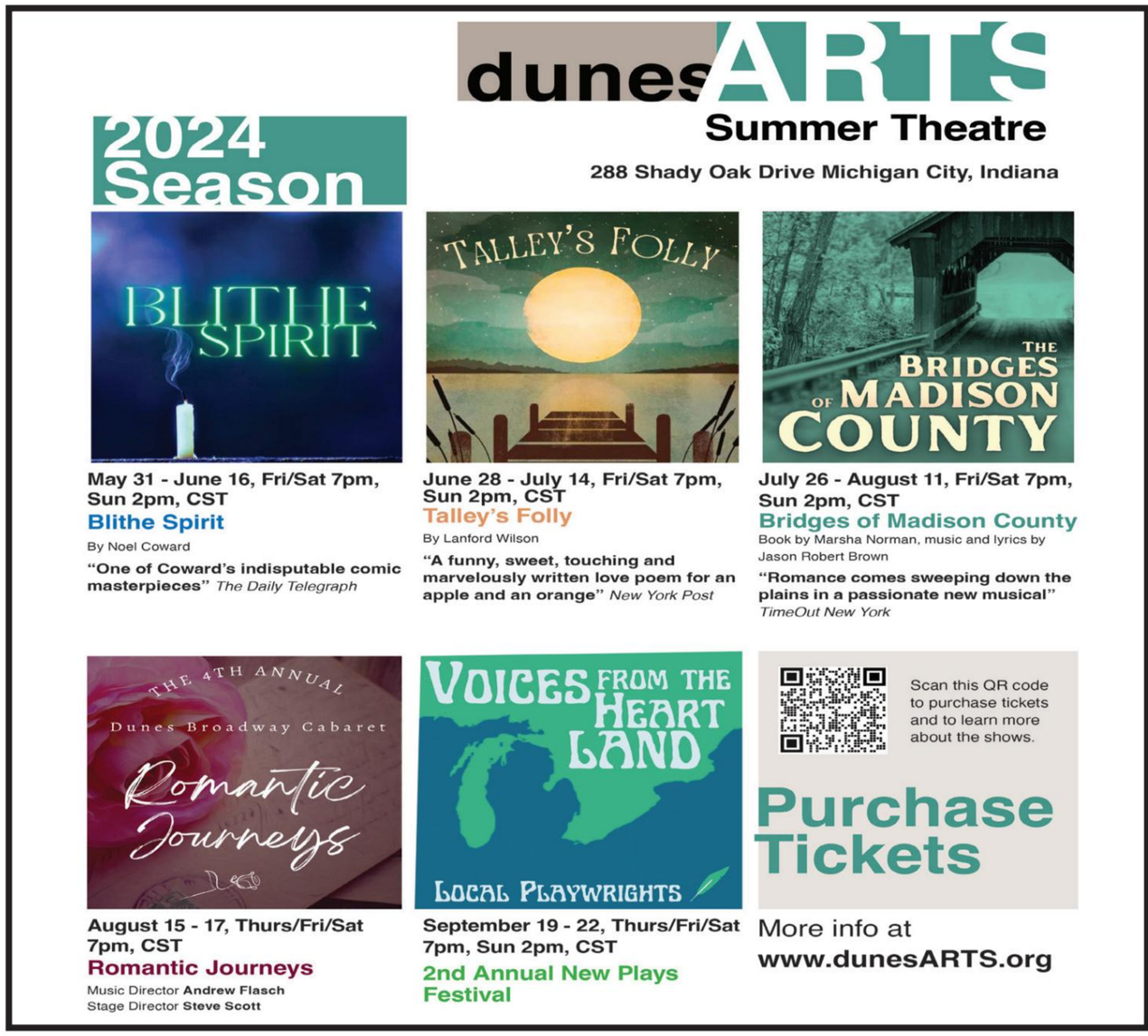
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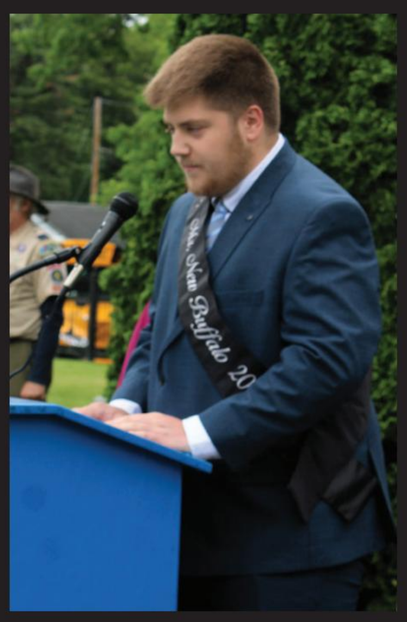
Max Pfieffer plays Taps at Lakeside Cemetary

Miss New Buffalo Audrey Proctor addresses the crowd at Pine Grove Cemetary

Bill Lambert places the wreath on the World War II memorial at Pine Grove Cemetary

Jan Tomecek addresses the crowd at Lakeside Cemetary

Kathy Dohner pays tribute to her father, Master Sgt. Ken Shelby, at Pine Grove Cemetary



Mr. New Buffalo Cameron Forker addresses the crowd at Pine Grove Cemetary

Chuck Baran of American Legion Post 169 addresses the crowd at Pine Grove Cemetary

Sgt. Barry Brown carries the wreath to his brother Mike Brown's grave at Lakeside Cemetary

Reflecting on Memorial Day 2024

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Kathy Dohner has been to over 50 Memorial Day services at Pine Grove Cemetery in New Buffalo.

Sometimes, she'd ride her bike, which was decked out in red, white and blue crepe paper, in the parade. Other times, she'd march with her Girl Scouts.

This year, she was paying tribute to her late father, Master Sgt. Ken Shelby.

"This was the first Memorial Day without my dad," Dohner said.

Shelby, who was 94 when he passed away last August, was born in Moorehouse, Missouri. For 37 years, he honorably served in the U.S. Army and the U.S Air Force, including World War II and the Korean War. He also served in the Army Reserves and was an instructor.

In 2019, Shelby was chosen to take the 90th Honor Flight when he was 90 years old to view all the monuments in the United States Capitol.

Calling him a "New Buffalo legend," Dohner said that her father served as a New Buffalo constable and on the township and city park boards. He was also involved with the Boy Scouts for over 75 years, including as a scout master, with many men becoming Eagle Scouts under his guidance.

Dohner said Shelby taught many people about nature and living the Scout Law. When he was stationed in Japan, he hiked Mount Fuji. He also traveled to all 50 states and many countries.

"Everybody, enjoy the festivities today but remember why we celebrate - never forget those who gave everything for us," Dohner said.

Miss New Buffalo 2024 Audrey Proctor said that three words come to mind when she reflects on Memorial Day: sacrifice, freedom and honor.

She remembers the sacrifices that men and women have made to "put themselves in harm's way to ensure our freedom." To quote former President Ronald Reagen, freedom shouldn't be taken for granted and is "never more than one generation from extinction."

Regarding honor, Proctor quoted Emily Potter: Heroes never die. They live forever in the hearts and minds of those who would follow in their footsteps."

Mr. New Buffalo Cameron Forker said that Memorial Day "represents a profound sense of gratitude, reverence and remembrance for the fallen heroes who have safeguarded the values and liberties we hold dear."

"We stand here today to ensure their legacies are never forgotten," he said.

At Lakeside Cemetery in Lakeside, Jan Tomecek said that 8,301 American troops from World War II have been laid to rest at the American Netherlands Cemetery, which is part of the federal American Battle Monument Commission.

There, "100 percent of our American graves" have been adopted by local families, with a waiting list for people who want to be part of the program, who have "never forgotten the American soldiers who fought to liberate their country in 1944-45."

"Today is Memorial Day but everyday should be Memorial Day in our hearts and our minds... Every morning, every day, we should give thanks to those brave soldiers that fought for our freedom," she said.

Paying respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice at Pine Grove Cemetary

Police officers, firefighters and city councilmembers pay tribute at Pine Grove Cemetary

New Buffalo royalty stands with the American Legion Post 169 Honor Guard at Pine Grove Cemetary

The New Buffalo High School Band performs at Pine Grove Cemetary

The New Buffalo American Legion Post 169 Honor Guard performs the 21 Gun Salute at Pine Grove Cemetary

American flags are placed beside grave at Pine Grove Cemetary

Welcoming summer at annual Family Festival

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The more-than-25-year-old St. Mary of the Lake Family Festival heralded the unofficial start to summer Thursday through Monday, May 23-27.

Kids and adults hopped aboard rides from carnival provider Anderson Midways, enjoyed elephant ears, cotton candy and other hallmark festival treats and tried their luck at the midway games.

Carnivalgoers could also grab a snack at the Snack Shack or a homemade sweet treat from the bake sale, both of which were sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society (ARS).

Families try their luck at the midway

Children ride the Paratrooper at St. Mary of the Lake Family Festival

Allie Bowen takes her first ride on the carousel

A Saturday evening view of the St. Mary of the Lake Family Festival

Mary Donnelly and Joan Putzke hang out in the Snack Shack

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Harbor Arts and The Region of Three Oaks Museum to celebrate 125 years of the Dewey Cannon

Three Oaks' biggest patriotic triumph will be celebrated during the village's traditional patriotic celebration, Flag Day Weekend.

Harbor Arts and The Region of Three Oaks Museum (TROTOM) will collaborate to honor the Dewey Cannon with patriotic songs, historical displays and speeches, and an ice cream social.

One hundred and twenty five years ago, in the summer of 1899, Three Oaks was awarded the cannon as a prize for raising money to honor casualties of the Spanish-American War. The announcement put Three Oaks in nationwide headlines, brought President William McKinley to town to extol the patriotism of area residents and culminated with thousands of red, white, and blue-clad celebrants gathering to cheer the unveiling of the cannon, which still sits in Dewey Cannon Park.

On Flag Day Weekend, with Three Oaks gearing up for its traditional star-spangled parade, we want to salute this epic chapter in local history.

Join the party in Dewey Cannon Park, from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 8. The South Shore Concert Band will perform songs celebrating the USA. Speakers in period costume will recreate the speeches of President McKinley and Three Oaks Village President E. K. Warren, who was the prime architect of the village's fund-raising effort, dubbed "Three Oaks Against the World."

Artifacts of Three Oaks' Dewey Cannon triumph (including a meat cleaver the president gave to a local resident, an item not seen locally for decades) will be on display. Ice cream will be served.

The event is free, though donations to TROTOM and Harbor Arts will be welcome. Both are 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organizations. TROTOM's mission is to preserve and present local history. Harbor Arts seeks to promote the arts in the area, and sponsors "Music in the Park" events in Dewey Cannon Park throughout the summer.

The next day, June 9, TROTOM will be represented in Three Oaks' Flag Day parade by a horse- drawn hearse used in Three Oaks in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The hearse was one of several large artifacts returned to the area last year, after being stored in the Michigan State University football stadium for several decades. — STAFF REPORTS

Goldberry Woods offers bevy of summer activities

Attendees joined the team at Goldberry Woods, Union Pier's only micro farm, for a hands-on experience Saturday, May 10.

The activities, which included ones on how to install new irrigation lines or properly plant one of the many varieties of heirloom plants, sparked the interests of novice and experienced gardeners and armed generations with tools for sustainable living.

Julie Haberichter, Goldberry's innkeeper, farmer and owner, will continue to share her extensive gardening knowledge and experience with the community and guests of their Modern Farm Resort through garden walks and the Seasonal Market Stand.

Guests can join Haberichter from 10-11 a.m. most Saturdays for a unique view into the various gardens on Goldberry's 30-acre property Visit Goldberry's Market Stand, which is open Thursday through Sunday and stocked with fresh bouquets and produce, organically grown seedlings, potted succulents, vintage finds and so much more. Bring the family to now pick Honeyberries (blueberries are available in July).

Goldberry Woods continues to invite the community to explore all it has to offer. Its summer line-up of experiences includes a Summer Solstice Celebration from 4-6 p.m. June 22, with music, food, art, games and more. From 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 11, Goldberry will be hosting a Flower Arranging Experience, where guests will learn best practices and handy tips for creating simple and impactful bouquets.

As the garden yields the fruits of the recent Planting Experiences, Goldberg will end the summer and kick off the fall with Garden-to-Kitchen Cooking Experiences with Goldberry's Carly Kveton and an Herb Walk with local holistic nutritionist, herbalist and community educator, Carly Pinto of Nurturing Through Nature.

Inspired by nature, Goldberry Woods continues to show the community how to live consciously with nature, experience and observation.

For more details on events and experiences, visit www.goldberrywoods.com/specials#experiences. — STAFF REPORTS

The Acorn proudly partners with Harbor Country Pride

The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts is proud to partner again this year with Harbor Country Pride in celebration of Harbor Country Pride week with two events at The Acorn in Three Oaks.

Hosted by the 2020 winner of The Acorn's Singer-Songwriter Competition, Dylan Reed Leavitt, The Acorn is proud to present a very special Acorn Open Mic Night that will showcase LGBTQIA+ performers and Allies during Pride Open Mic Night at The Acorn Monday, June 3.

Leavitt is a 20 year old singer-songwriter, hailing from Valparaiso, Indiana. Since the age of 13, Leavitt has deeply involved herself within the local music and theatre scene, and is soon to take her passion for songwriting to Berklee College of Music. Her original style and natural audience rapport has built her a significant following, which she strives to wield as a weapon for change.

Doors open at 6 p.m. The show starts at 7 p.m. General Admission tickets are free. Reserved Seating is available for $25. Club Rainbow will return to The Acorn with music, drinks, drag and a whole lot of love Saturday, June 8.

The event is a Saturday night celebration through dance and divas, with drag performances by The Kunty Kittens and DJ Double E on the turntable. This is a CLUB | DANCING event, with standing room only and limited seating for ages 18 and up.

Doors open at 7 p.m., with the event starting at 8 p.m. General Admission is $20. Reserved Seating is available at $45. Tickets available at www.acornlive.org.

The Acorn is located at 107 Generations Drive in Three Oaks. Pride events at The Acorn are sponsored by Kenwal Steel. — STAFF REPORTS

Presentation on Simone de Beauvoir, Nelson Algren and Jean-Paul Sartre at New Buffalo library

Author Richard F. Bales will discuss the unlikely romance between Simone de Beauvoir, the founder of modern feminism, and streetwise Chicago author Nelson Algren in a presentation at the New Buffalo Library at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 4.

Algren and Beauvoir met in 1947. They began a passionate transatlantic love affair almost immediately, and it lasted until 1964. Their affair played out partly at Algren's summer cottage in nearby Miller Beach, which still exists, next to a trail named for the couple.

The relationship between Algren and Beauvoir has been chronicled in all the Algren biographies and many of the biographies of Beauvoir. It is also discussed in an annotated collection of more than 300 of Beauvoir's letters to Algren. But while Beauvoir was writing Algren, she was also maintaining a relationship with Jean-Paul Sartre, arguably the leading philosopher of the mid-twentieth century.

Bales' forthcoming "The Life, Loves and Colleagues of Nelson Algren" discusses the relationship between Algren and Beauvoir as seen through the letters of Beauvoir to Algren, Algren to Beauvoir and Beauvoir to Sartre.

Bales is also author of "The Great Chicago Fire and the Myth of Mrs. O'Leary's Cow and of The Short Writings of Nelson Algren: A Study of His Stories, Essays, Articles, Reviews, Poems and Other Literature."

The June 4 program is sponsored by the Friends of the New Buffalo Library. The library is located at 33 N. Thompson Street in downtown New Buffalo. — STAFF REPORTS

Prison guard charged with smuggling marijuana sandwich

BY STAN MADDUX

It wasn't just an ordinary sandwich a correctional officer at Indiana State Prison allegedly brought into the facility.

Marijuana intended for inmates was between the two slices of bread, authorities said.

Janise Clark, 38, of South Bend is charged in La Porte Superior Court 1 with trafficking with an inmate and bribery, both Level 5 felonies.

According to court documents, Clark while reporting for her shift Sunday, May 26, had a sandwich wrapped in plastic that looked suspicious to prison staff placed into an X-Ray machine.

The machine detected something unusual about the sandwich.

She was ordered to open the sandwich and between the slices of bread were two vacuum sealed plastic bags containing nearly a half pound of marijuana, court documents revealed.

During questioning, Clark allegedly revealed she had "lost count" of how many times she brought marijuana and tobacco into the prison on Michigan City's west side.

Clark also told investigators she accepted upwards of $20,000 to bring the contraband into the prison over an undisclosed period of time, according to court documents.

According to court documents, investigators at the prison, which has a capacity to house over 2,400 inmates, are still investigating to try and determine all of the people involved in her alleged dealings.

Clark was still being held in La Porte County Jail on $15,000 bond.

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Accident claims lives of two children

BY STAN MADDUX

Two children from the Chicago area in a vehicle driven by their father were killed in a crash in La Porte County over the Memorial Day weekend.

Luis De Leon Muniz, 41, was southbound in a 2002 Chevy Trailblazer pulling a U-Haul trailer when he ran a stop sign at Joliet Road and County Road 900 West near Westville Saturday, May 25, according to La Porte County Police.

Police said he wound up in the path of an eastbound Ford F250 pick-up truck operated by Casey Krivak, 47, of La Porte.

La Porte County Coroner Lynn Swanson identified the victims as Alexander De Leon, 11, and his four year old sister, Luisa De Leon.

She said autopsies revealed they died from blunt force trauma to the head.

Their father and the other driver were taken to area hospitals with injuries to their upper bodies, police said.

Police said a 16 year old girl in the Muniz vehicle was airlifted to a regional hospital with an upper body injury.

Norma Atempa, 36, who was also riding in the Muniz vehicle, was taken by ambulance also with an upper body injury.

She was the mother of the two victims, Swanson said.

Investigators were waiting for the results of a toxicology test to determine if alcohol or drugs were a factor in the collision.

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A driver may have had a sleepless night after the winds during a recent storm blew a mattress from the bed of a truck into the windshield of her oncoming car.

La Porte County Police said the driver of a Dodge RAM was taking the mattress to his home in Westville Friday, May 24.

An oncoming Nissan Rogue was about to pass him on Indiana 2 when the mattress flew out of the bed of his truck and into the windshield of the car.

Police said the windshield cracked on the passenger side of the car, which was also left with a dent in the hood.

The mattress seemed to be properly secured to the bed with straps in a storm with wind speeds strong enough to blow down a number of trees and signs, police said.

There were no injuries. — STAN MADDUX

OBITUARIES

Bernadine "Bernie" Hickman

1938-2024

Bernadine "Bernie" Hickman, 86, formerly of New Buffalo, MI now of Kewaunee, WI, passed away in her home on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Bernie was born on January 21, 1938, to the late Wilmer and Evelyn (Cerny) Lidke.

She was a 1956 graduate of New Buffalo High School and participated in basketball, swimming, and band. Bernie loved the world of hospitality, working at two of her parents' restaurants (The Rio and Little Bohemia) in New Buffalo, MI. She had fond memories of growing up on Lake Michigan and later relocated to Algoma, WI to her beloved home on the lake near her son and brother. Bernie loved all sports, especially basketball; playing cards and socializing with family and friends; and going out to eat.

Bernie will be sadly missed by her son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Lisa Hickman; brother and sister-in-law, Wilmer "Bubb" and Patti Lidke; nephew, Wilmer "Ben" and Sonya Lidke; great nephew and niece, August and Cecelia Lidke; cousins, Debbie DeVos (Brad) and Lynne Lidke (Pam Rose); special neighbors, Tom and Barb Ellingsworth; many other relatives and friends.

Bernie is preceded in death by her sweetheart of 34 years, Emil "Mike" Van Hazebroeck.

Private family service will be held with burial at Pine Grove Cemetery in New Buffalo, MI. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be directed to the New Buffalo Area Schools, PO Box 280, New Buffalo, MI 49117, Attn: Bison Boosters/Bernadine Lidke Hickman.

Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at either Blaney Funeral Home at www.blaneyfuneralhome.com or Sommerfeld Chapel at www.sommerfeldchapel.com.

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ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

The key to moving forward at this time, is to gain clarity about yourself. Be completely honest and forthright with yourself. Honestly investigate the motives behind your objectives. Stop employing self-escapist tactics and embrace the truth in the situations that are causing you stress.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

It is time to lay your burdens down and free yourself from oppressive situations. Take some time to hang with friends and have some fun. Avoid heavy topics by keeping conversation lighthearted. Try focusing on doing projects, and staying busy, rather than discussing current events and politics.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

There could be some social pressure to take a friendship to the next level. Be sure to be open and direct about what you expect from your partner. Remember that how things are at the beginning of a relationship, can set the tone for the long term. So be sure to be speak your truth right away.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

If you are feeling a little scattered, things will start to smooth out now. If you are confronted with passive-aggressive people, be polite but also be ready to protect your boundaries. It is best to deal with problems from a place of love than to resort to their level. Harmony and peace will prevail.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

Merging properties or sharing space goes hand in hand with cooperation and compromise. So, if you find yourself having to share close quarters this week, try to be aware of other people's feelings and ideas. Make an agreement that you will be open minded, no matter how eccentric another's views seem.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

Connections with home and family will get stronger this week. Don't shy away from uncomfortable topics or topics that may not seem age appropriate, because you may learn more about that person than you knew before, and you may know the right way to reach this person and help them.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

Through a work or school connection you will find the right advice for making some domestic changes. Be sure to take into account all the financial obligations or legal restrictions before getting too far into a new project. There may be cheaper and more effective way than you are aware of now.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

It is time to make some creative changes at work. Look for innovative ideas to surface now that could streamline your work load. It is also a good time to be more assertive when dealing higher- ups. Your work can usually speak for itself but now is the time to ask for a promotion, not just a raise.

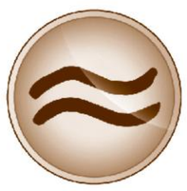
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

Get out the paint and the rollers, it is time to create a more motivating living space through color. Artistic expression is a good way to break the hum drum of a boring living space. White walls and white carpet can really make a space feel institutional; try a deep blue or a rich red.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

It is important you embrace your feminine side this week. Let things come to you. Try being more receptive than active. Sometimes the right communication happens when you are saying nothing at all. Assertive doesn't mean being aggressive, it means maintaining your boundaries.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



This week it will be easier to communicate with friends and family. If you have had a falling out or have not found the time to connect, this week you will get your chance. That doesn't mean you should unload on them, but you should definitely take this opportunity to clear the air.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

You can expect an increase in your social and public life this week. Be sure to update your social profiles or create a more effective resume. The opportunity to create a sharper image or a more accurate concept of who you are is here. Be sure to use it to further your career or financial status now.

I mean, they say you die twice. One time when you stop breathing and a second time, a bit later on, when somebody says your name for the last time. — *Banksy*

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36 Pelvic bones
37 Phil. island
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42 Hebrew letter
44 Gastropod
46 Butterfly
49 No (Scot.)
50 Asian
53 Academy (abbr.)
56 Antiaircraft artillery (abbr.)
57 Nipa palm
58 Southern France
59 Pounds (abbr.)
60 Cant
61 Ambassador (abbr.)

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1 Daughters of the American Revolution (abbr.)
2 Mountain on Crete
3 Reverie
4 Signed (abbr.)
5 Color
6 Ancient Italian
7 One of the Twelve Titans
8 Bibliography (abbr.)
9 Land measure
10 Legislature
12 Created
17 Many times more than (pref.)
19 Cask
21 Down with (Fr., 2 words)
22 Web
23 Skin vesicle
27 Mulberry of India
29 Baldness
30 Irish nobleman
31 Diplomacy
33 Fiber plant
35 Ancient stringed instrument
38 Of a reign
40 Own (Scot.)
43 Prairie copse
45 Lady's title
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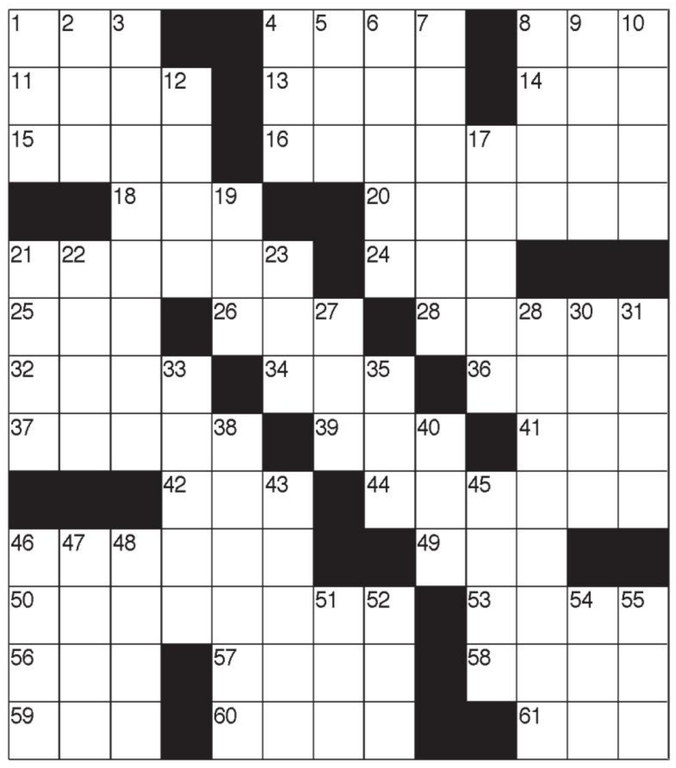

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VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONIING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TENTS, REMOVABLE STRUCTURES, AND TEMPORARY USES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, as amended, the Grand Beach Village Council adopted amendments to the "Definitions" section of the Grand Beach Village Zoning Ordinance on May 15, 2024, at a regular Village Council meeting. A summary of those amendments is as follows:

Zoning Amendments were adopted in Article II, 2.02, "Definitions", including an amended definition of "Structure, Removable", "Tent", "Use, Accessory", and "Use, Temporary". These amendments clarify the definition of a removable structure, further explain how a tent is defined, and added "Items defined as "Tents" are not Accessory Uses". The amendment further provides that tents are a "Temporary Use" in the Village, and they may not stay up for more than ten (10) days in any calendar year, with exceptions for tents used for children's recreational purposes. The ordinance further has a severability clause and repealer language. The Zoning ordinance amendments adopted by the Village Council will become effective seven (7) days from the date of publication.

The full text of the amendments can be reviewed by contacting the Village Clerk, Kimberly Wolnik, at 269-469-3141 or by email at clerk@grandbeach.org during regular business hours.

KIMBERLY WOLNIK
VILLAGE CLERK

NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE ENROLLMENT OPENINGS FOR 2024-2025

New Buffalo Area Schools is accepting applications for enrollment for those students who do not reside within the New Buffalo Area Schools boundaries, pursuant to Section 105 of the State Aid Act, subject to available space.

Parent/Legal guardians may identify building preferences; however, assignment will be based on available space.

If more students apply for enrollment than there are available slots, preference will first be given to siblings of students currently enrolled in the program based on random draw and then other applicants randomly selected.

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Application Deadline: June 15, 2024

Directions: Parent/Legal guardian needs to complete online application at www.app.informedk12.com/link_campaigns/application-for-schools-of-choice-or-tution-students?token=42jTS9RSVHx2gLLrvxkmVABT

The completed application MUST be received by the Superintendent's office no later than June 15, 2024.

You will be notified of acceptance in a timely manner, no later than June 30, 2024.

Questions regarding the Schools of Choice Program should be directed to the Superintendent's office at (269) 469-6010 or dwysocki@nbas.org

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DEATH NOTICES

THREE OAKS – Rosemary Bacon, 88, of New Carlisle, Indiana, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2024. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks.

New Buffalo Times
LOCAL INTELLIGENCE
— SINCE 1942 —

New Buffalo welcomes family-owned Glik's

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Seeing as how it's a business with roots that stretch as far back as the 1800s, it would make sense that Glik's would debut its New Buffalo location in an historic building on North Whittaker Street.

The family-owned retailer was welcomed at 26 N. Whittaker Street, which was recently occupied by Whittaker House, at a ribbon cutting that was administered by the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce Thursday, May 23.

"They are going to enhance the shopping experience in the downtown district and add to all of the wonderful businesses that we have here in the city…They're very community minded and so, we welcome that part in our community and value that very much," Kimberlee Wendt, chamber executive director, said.

A small crowd had gathered outside of the store in anticipation of its opening during the early-morning ribbon-cutting.

"I don't know why it took us 127 years to find New Buffalo, but we're glad we're here today," CEO Jeff Glik said.

He thanked SW Walters Construction, which "took this building from 1871 and brought it back to life."

"It took a lot of work but it's just an absolute showcase store for the Gliks," Jeff said.

Katha Kissman, secretary/treasurer of the New Buffalo Railroad Museum Board of Directors, presented the Gliks family with the first and second volumes "The New Buffalo Story," which features past photos of the building. At the ribbon-cutting, Jeff presented a ribbon of dollar bills to the non-profit, which helped provide historic images of New Buffalo for display in the store.

"The New Buffalo Railroad Museum is so thrilled that an historic building that is important to the history of New Buffalo has been repurposed into something so wonderful as Glik's," she said.

The store sells clothing from a variety of high end brands, such as 7 Diamonds and Free Fly Apparel for men and Free People and Thread & Supply for women. Glik's also sells its own private label, the 1897 brand, which has polo shirts and athletic shorts and flannels and shirt jackets for the fall.

Elliot Glik, who's part of the fifth generation of the Glik family to work in the company and serves as the merchandise manager in the young men's area, said that the company caters to a particular community's fashion desires.

"We really drive fashion - so whatever is the fashion needs of a community is what we provide," he said.

Jeff said clothing sold at Glik's appeals to all age groups.

"One of my favorite lines is 'It's an attitude, not an age' and we really, really appeal to the teenager all the way up to a person who's 80 years old," he said.

According to a press release, five generations of the Glik family have built a family-owned retail company that now encompasses over 70 stores in 11 states across the Midwest. The New Buffalo store will mark Glik's 74th store in the chain.

Glik's opened in 1897, with the first store being located in St. Louis, Missouri. While it started as a menswear store, the second location in Madison, Illinois, "expanded into a full-blown department store," the release states.

Jeff said his great, great grandfather opened the first store. Meanwhile, his son went into business across the Mississippi River in Madison. After his grandfather died at age 52, the store managers asked his family to step in and keep the store running.

His grandmother ran the store for five years while his father was away at World War II. His father took over after getting back and grew it to 12 stores. More growth occurred after the fourth generation of Glik's entered the picture in 1980.

"What's fascinating is that the success rate of a fourth generation business is less than 3 percent so my father never said, 'I have a 97 percent chance of failure,'" Jeff said.

Elliot said he hopes that the New Buffalo store will build on Glik's success.

"This is really a store that we only put some of our best products in for this fine company, so we're really excited to see how the community responds to what we've done with this store and we look forward to serving this community for many years to come," he said.

For more on Glik's, visit www.gliks.com or call the New Buffalo store at 269-231-5244.

An interior view of Glik's in New Buffalo

The ribbon is cut on Glik's in New Buffalo

Katha Kissman of the New Buffalo Railroad Museum poses with Jeff Glik

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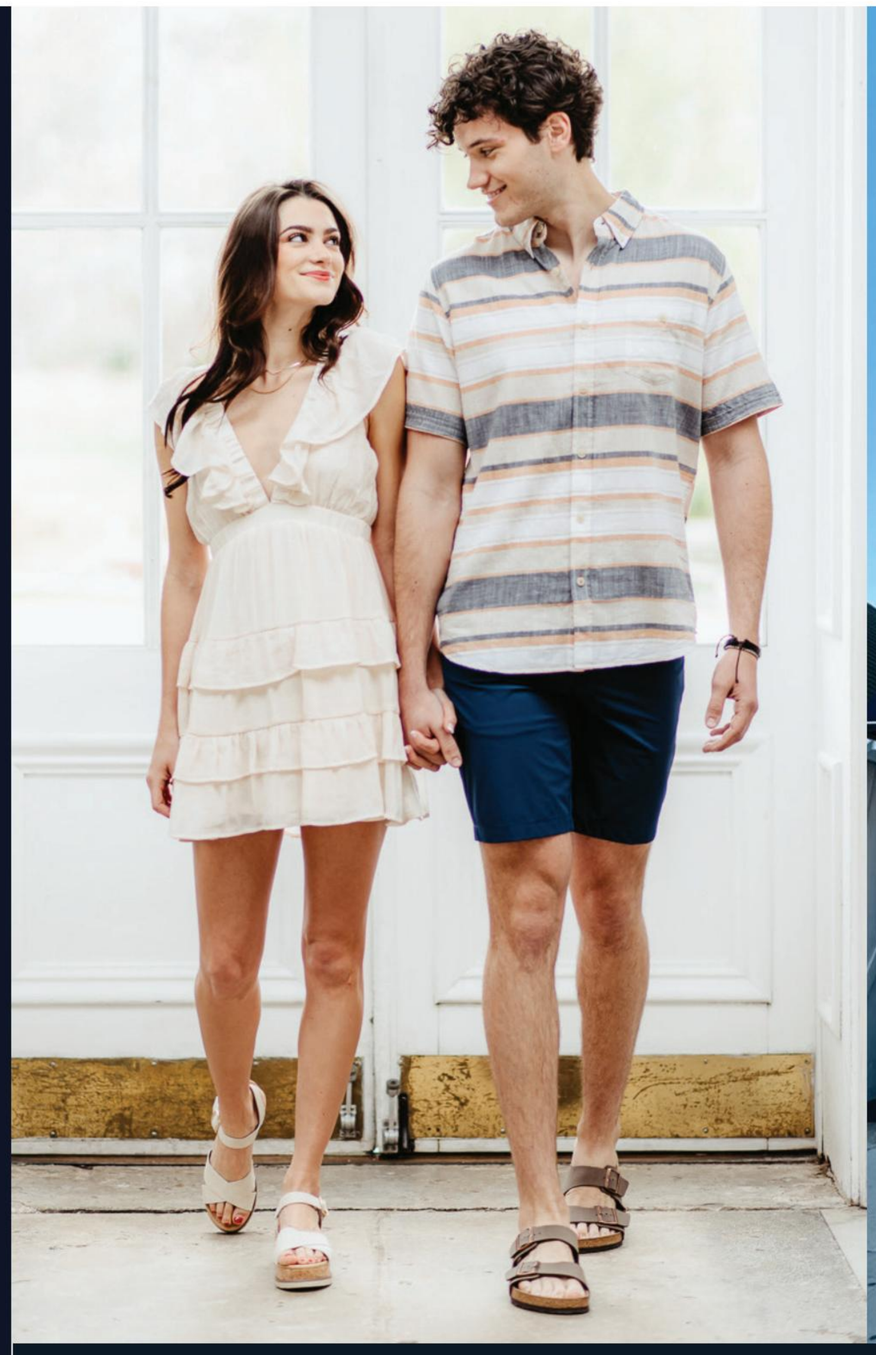

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